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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the paper mailed September 13, 2002 and Decision on Petition mailed August 27, 2003, Applicants provide the following remarks. In the above-identified paper, the Examiner has requested restriction of examination to one of two distinct species. The first species is identified as comprising Figures 2 and 3 of the application. The second species is identified as comprising Figure 4 of the application. The Examiner has identified claim 1 as generic.

Applicants respectfully elect Figure 4 comprising claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 with traverse. The basis for Applicants' traversal is that they do not necessarily wish to be bound by the Examiner's logic or rationale in requesting restriction of examination.

Favorable consideration of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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